

Talking through the message throughout & during the week with your Hope Team, family or friends, will help you turn what God is saying to you into action steps as you move forward. Begin with the key questions & scriptures & feel free to add any additional scriptures or questions that you may have come up with or think about during your conversation. Be sure to wrap up in prayer & decide on Next Steps.

Controversies arise in churches for many reasons. Some important. Some seemingly trivial. One tension that arose in the early days of the Church and that continues to surface over and over is the issue of grace and truth. Namely, how good does a person have to be in order to be part of the church?

- 1) From your perspective, who is the church for?
- 2) Have you had any bad experiences with a church that made you want to say, "I don't want anything to do with them anymore"?
- 3) In your opinion, is it too easy or too hard to become a Christian?
- 4) Read Acts 15. The controversy for the Church at that time was over circumcision and dietary laws. What are contemporary sources of controversy for "entry" in the Church?
- 5) How can you guard against the propensity to drift toward law and away from grace?

We have to work hard not to be a church where grace and truth conflict but coexist. Jesus was full of both grace and truth. So, in response, let's make three commitments:

- Let's be more concerned with who we are reaching rather than who we are keeping.
- Let's always err on the side of grace.
- Let's remain open-handed in attempts to advance the message of Jesus Christ.

*It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. — Acts 15:19*

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**Our Mission:** We exist to shamelessly glorify God by making disciples through Spirit-Filled worship, Spirit-Filled community & Spirit-Filled expansion.

# CHURCH

**Sunday's @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**





# CERT

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

If you are interested in being a part of the first CERT Team in Stafford, please mark your Connection Card or email Natalie Clark at [maxsmom82503@gmail.com](mailto:maxsmom82503@gmail.com)



# Hope Teams

**Summer Hope Team Signups Continue TODAY!**

Tell us about your victories. Email [ThatHappened@myhopesprings.com](mailto:ThatHappened@myhopesprings.com)

# THAT JUST HAPPENED

We want to hear about how God is working in your life. Please email us at [ThatHappened@MyHopeSprings.com](mailto:ThatHappened@MyHopeSprings.com) and share YOUR story of Life Transformation.



# BGMC

## Boys & Girls Missionary Challenge

### Next Sunday!

**Bring as much loose change as you can. Our Young Believers will collect it at the beginning of service.**

LOVE. JOY. HOPE.

# REVIVE

YOUTH MINISTRIES

**June 30 - July 5**  
**CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

## KIDS CAMP

*Saturday, May 11th 6:30 p.m.*



If you're interested in volunteering at Whited Bible Camp this year as a Counselor, in the Kitchen, Cleaning Staff or doing maintenance and repairs, please mark your Connection Card today.

**This is a GREAT opportunity to serve the people that serve our kids.**

# MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Thursday, May 16 @ 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Child Care Provided. Mark Your Connection Card Today!



### Welcome to Hope Springs Church:

Over the past few weeks, we celebrated the greatest event in the history of the world, the resurrection of Jesus. That ONE event launched a movement called "the Church" and we are all a part of that movement today. It causes us to have faith, hope & joy. It gives us the determination & power to pray BIG & BOLD PRAYERS.

Additionally, we're so glad you're here! When you come to church & spend time in worship, you're taking time to stay connected with God & with those people that make up the church. John 15:5 says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me... will produce much fruit."

When you are connected to God, you are connected to your life source & everything you need is found in Him — joy, strength, peace, endurance, & hope. As you draw close to Him today, you can be confident that His abundant love will speak to you.

Here are a few suggestions to make your worship experience a great one:

- ◆ We honor ALL of our guests & ask them to please be sure to fill out a Connection Card, found inside this Worship Guide. You can place it in the offering baskets on the stage on your way out or turn them in at the First Impressions Booth in the foyer & we'll give you a free gift today.
- ◆ Parents, we encourage you to take advantage of our wonderful Young Believers Ministry downstairs. All children 5th grade & under are welcome. For security purposes, please be sure to sign your child in & out.
- ◆ Please remember to silence all cell phones during service.
- ◆ We truly pray you experience God in a fresh & impactful way today & you will allow the Holy Spirit to minister to you. If you need prayer for a specific need, please find your way to the front of the stage & a prayer partner will meet you there.
- ◆ There is additional parking across the street if needed.

Cheering You On,  
Pastor Kris & Jada Young

## Family Pictures Needed!

The Staff & Leadership at Hope Springs Church is putting together a pictorial directory. Please email a family or personal picture to [jody@myhopesprings.com](mailto:jody@myhopesprings.com) or tag us in one on Facebook.

